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SUBJECT:SAUDI TRANSFERS TO YAR

REF: A) JIDDA 2948 B) 77 STATE 250524 C) SANA 1896
D) SANA 1897

1. NOW THAT SAG HAS INDICATED INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH
TRANSFER OF FOUR F-5B AIRCRAFT TO YAR (REF A), EMBASSY SANA
SHOULD REQUEST ASSURANCES ALONG LINES OF TEXT CONTAINED REF
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B. FINAL USG CONSENT CANNOT BE PROVIDED UNTIL ASSURANCES
OBTAINED. EMBASSY SHOULD CABLE WHEN ASSURANCES OBTAINED TO
EXPEDITE PROCESS. ASSURANCES SHOULD THEN BE POUCHED TO THE
DEPARTMENT (PM/SAS). AS YOU KNOW, CONGRESS HAS ALREADY
BEEN NOTIFIED OF PROPOSED TRANSFER.

2. DEPARTMENT PREPARED TO CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF THREE

AGUSTA-BELL HELICOPTERS FROM SAG TO YARG. HERE TOO ASSURANCES MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE FINAL USG CONSENT CAN BE OBTAINED AND EMBASSY SHOULD NOW REQUEST THEM. STANDARD TEXT DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM THAT USED FOR TRANSFER OF FMS ORIGIN EQUIPMENT, HOWEVER, AND IS PROVIDED BELOW. BECAUSE HELICOPTERS MANUFACTURED UNDER COMMERCIAL LICENSING ARRANGEMENT, CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION IS NOT REQUIRED.

3. STANDARD TEXT FOR AGUSTA BELL HELICOPTERS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC OF 3 AGUSTA BELL HELICOPTERS FROM SAUDI ARABIA.

AS THE EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION HAS BEEN MANUFACTURED IN ITALY BY THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY EXPORTED UNDER LICENSE FROM THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CONSUMMATION OF THIS TRANSACTION IS DEPENDENT UPON THE PRIOR CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY GIVE SUCH CONSENT ONLY UPON BEING FURNISHED WITH ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER BY ANY MEANS SUCH

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DEFENSE ARTICLES TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THAT SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES WILL BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MILITARY SALES MAY BE MADE BY THE UNITED STATES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC HEREBY GIVES ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER THE HELICOPTERS AND/OR THEIR COMPONENTS WHICH IT PROPOSES TO OBTAIN BY TRANSFER FROM SAUDI ARABIA BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CONVEYANCE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THAT IT WILL USE SUCH ARTICLES SOLELY FOR INTERNAL SECURITY, FOR LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE, TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL OR COLLECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS OR MEASURES CONSISTENT WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, OR TO ENGAGE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES HELPFUL TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. (FORMAL CLOSE)

END QUOTE

3. RE: PARA 4 REFTEL D: WE ARE LOOKING INTO TRAINING
OF YAR PERSONNEL AND WILL RESPOND SEPTTEL. FMS TRAINING
CASE BELOW \$25 MILLION DOES NOT REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL
REVIEW. TRANSFER OF TRAINING FROM SAG WOULD REQUIRE
CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION. CHRISTOPHER

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